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ORIENTAL UNIVERSITY

COMMITTEES FOR RESEARCHES

IN COMPARATIVE PHILOLOGY.

Orientalists who are linguists and who wish to undertake extensive researches, whether they are connected with the Oriental University as instructors or graduates, or whether they are joined to other universities, or are private scholars, are hereby invited to join one of the following committees now in process of organization. Write to President H. P. Holler, Oriental University, 1702 Oregon Avenue N. W., Washington, D. C., stating in detail your qualification, work already begun, and your special interests, as well as what work you would like to do, when an assignment of duties will be made.

PURPOSES OF THE COMMITTEES.

The purposes of the committees are:

(1) To collect and improve vocabularies and dictionaries of the various individual languages, paying special attention also to the historical growth of languages.

(2) To make careful comparisons of roots and important derivations of the languages of the several known branches and families of languages, or to elucidate more clearly the relationship of languages in certain groups, or to discover for the first time new relationships.

(3) To sift out from the findings of all members of the committees that which is of real and lasting worth, after it has been found to be correct by all members of the committee, and to publish the final result of these researches in form of comparative dictionaries, under the general title of "Publications of the Oriental University Committees for Researches in Comparative Philology."

HOW TO PUBLISH THE RESULTS OF THE RESEARCHES.

(1) The results of researches of the committees, first of all, shall be offered to the Oriental University Press for publication, on the following co-operative arrangement, viz:

(a) The Oriental University Press to pay cost of paper, printing, stitching or binding, and sale, including advertisement in the Oriental University publications and Book List, as well as postage.

(b) The committee conjointly to defray the expense of linotype and engravings.

(c) The Oriental University Book Concern and the members of the committee to share alike in the profit accruing from the sale of the publications of the committee, the prices being so fixed that a clear profit of 50 per cent be made after 1,000 copies have been sold, so that the first 1,000 copies must pay the expenses of both the Oriental University Book Concern and the



members of the committee. An exception to this arrangement only with the consent of all parties concerned.

(d) The copyright shall be in the name of the chairman of the committee for the committee, or, if any member has borne a specially large share in the preparation of the publication, it shall be in his name. But any member leaving the committee shall lose all part in the copyright and the profit of publication of the committee, and his rights shall become owned by the Oriental University Book Concern and shall be used solely for the furtherance of an increased sale of the publication for which rights have thus been transferred.

COMMITTEES PROPOSED.

The following committees are now being organized, and, as soon as sufficient members have been gained and the special qualifications of each one have been examined, one of the members of each committee will be appointed as the chairman of such committee by the President of the Oriental University. The latter will be much pleased to get proposals for the office of chairman from the members. The duties of the chairman will consist in arranging the work for the whole committee, with the help of the President of the Oriental University; to assign to each member special duties or tasks, fully taking into consideration the expressed desires of the respective members; to gather in the results of the researches and to place them before all members for final critical examination, elimination, additions, or corrections, and to offer the final typewritten copy for publication to the Oriental University Book Concern.

The committees to be started now are:

- I. THE INDIAN-ARYAN COMMITTEE.
- II. THE DRAVIDIAN COMMITTEE.
- III. THE SUMERIAN-EAST ASIATIC COMMITTEE.
- IV. THE SEMITIC COMMITTEE.

All scholars interested in these committees are requested to write at once to President Holler, as much work is before us and many co-workers are required. Let no one who has not pursued special comparative studies before think that he has no place on the committees, for we need experts, and a number of them, for each individual language and idiom before a comparison can be made with success. Many who were not versed in the comparative philology may become so by this work as it progresses, and university instructors especially will have a chance of wonderfully improving their learning and position by serving long on these committees. Thus, the profit from the work of these committees does not consist merely in bringing forth new or better dictionaries, but also in advancing orientalist scholarship as a whole wherever members of the committees are at work.

Names and addresses of chairmen and members will be announced in the Oriental University publications.
